

James E. Phillips, another former Deputy Inspector. Mr. Saville, to whom Captain McCarthy turned his back, had the distinction of being a candidate for Building Inspector and for Superintendent of the Electric Plant. Mr. Trafford was the designer and supervisor of construction of the electric plant, and by many has been considered the logical man for the superintendency. He is a skilled electrical engineer, and is now in charge of the plant, receiving both a salary for that service and commissions on all construction work ordered. The cost of the plant has greatly exceeded his preliminary estimates, and his commissions have increased in proportion.

#### Beck Makes Statement.

Mr. Beck, who left a sick bed to attend a caucus of the Administrative Board, indicated last night that he had not changed his view that Mr. Wright was the best qualified man in the city, having the most superior technical training, and the largest experience in designing and supervising of large undertakings. Had any better qualified man been presented, however, he stated that he would gladly have supported him.

The board has assumed by its action of to-day all responsibility for the conduct of the Building Inspector's office, said Mr. Beck last night. "I have put the matter in the hands of an individual member. I assume no responsibility after January 1st. My appointment of Mr. Wright as a deputy and my suggestion of his name for the position were dictated by pure motives, and were without political considerations, and I still believe him to have been the most available man in this city to conduct this office in a proper manner."

Mr. Beck indicated that he would remain as Building Inspector until he takes his seat on the Administrative Board on January 1, and that the discharged deputy whom the board has seen fit to elect as Building Inspector would either be expected or welcomed at his office until he has quit for good.

#### Council May Investigate.

Among members of the City Council outside of Clay Ward there was general dissatisfaction last night at the board's action. One member, who asked that his name be withheld for the present, is inquiring into the legality of ordering a Council investigation early in January of the qualifications and fitness of the Administrative Board's appointee. Other councilmen have suggested the calling before, January 1 of a joint session of the council for the election of a Building Inspector for Mr. Beck's unexpired term, thus turning the hands of the Administrative Board at least for a time. One large contractor, who has characterized the election as "outrageous," has suggested a general mass-meeting of architects, contractors and owners of property to protest. Individual architects and builders whose work has to be passed upon by the inspector do not care to offend the new official by a public expression of their views, but the opinion was expressed last night that however competent a bricklayer Mr. Butler might be, his training has not been of a kind which would enable him correctly to calculate floor strains or the carrying capacity of steel or reinforced concrete.

#### Bricklayer by Trade.

The Building Inspector-elect is a bricklayer by trade, and was once president of the Bricklayers' Union of this city. He is a member of the Clay Ward Active, and has for some years taken a more or less active part in ward politics. His home is at 24 South Cherry Street. Since his discharge on March 10, 1911, Mr. Butler was once reinstated as a deputy on the urgent solicitation of Clay Ward members of the Council, but his employment was only temporary. He has more recently been working at his trade as a subforeman for the Fulton Brick Company on the New Virginia Railway and Power building. The position of Building Inspector pays \$3,600 a year, having been increased from \$2,500 when Mr. Beck had an offer of that amount.

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Fur Gauntlets.  
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Long Overcoats.  
Raincoats.  
Caps and Hats.  
Gloves and Gauntlets.  
Patent Leather Shoes.  
Sweaters.  
Scarves.  
Boy Scout Suits.  
Play Suits.  
Pajamas.  
Gymnasium Suits, etc.

*Ad. Perry*

having been tendered the position of chief engineer of the Virginia Railway and Power Company.

The action taken yesterday in both elections was in the nature of a caucus, and must be ratified by a formal election after the new board legally takes office on January 1.

#### MEDICAL EXAMS ENDS

Last of State Board Tests Given—Results to Be Known in Three Weeks.

With every one of the fifty-seven applicants for license to practice medicine in Virginia at his or her desk, the examinations of the State Board of Medical Examiners came to an end yesterday evening at 2 o'clock. The last subject upon which the applicants were put to the test was pediatrics, and all were required to hand in their papers promptly on the hour of seven. The result of the examinations will not be made known for three or four weeks. Several white women, two negro women and several negro men were among those who took the examinations. The next series of examinations will be given by the board on June 24, 1913.

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### GUIDE TO CANAL TRAFFIC



Lighthouse at Gatun Lock that will serve to guide ships to the locks from Gatun Lake.

### News of South Richmond

#### RECOMMENDS CLEMENCY

Jury Convicts Boy, But Use Influence to Save Him From Prison.

With a recommendation for mercy, a verdict of guilty was returned yesterday against B. P. Sale, a young white man, twenty years old, on trial in Hustings Court, Part 2, on an indictment charging him with forgery. The jury immediately upon being discharged signed a petition for executive clemency. Pending action by Governor Mann sentence was suspended by Judge Ernest H. Wells. Sale was admitted to bail in the sum of \$250 with his father for surety.

The history of Sale's criminal career is brief. Married just four weeks, he came to this city and set up housekeeping. Being from the country and not having a trade he was unable to secure lucrative employment. He became despondent and signed a check with the name of the Union Trust and Bag Company as maker and cashed it at the store of S. T. Coverstone, against the name and address. When taken into custody he did not appear to realize the enormity of the offense and readily admitted his guilt. He was sent on to the grand jury, and a true bill was returned at the last session.

His parents came to this city at once on learning of their son's predicament. They speedily won friends, and several Southside ministers interested themselves in the case. It was shown that the boy had borne an excellent reputation heretofore. His simplicity won the jury.

Morris & McCotter conducted the defense. A plea of not guilty was entered. They relied on the youth of the prisoner and the open and palatable elusiveness of the forgery in extenuation of the offense. The jury took this view and asked for clemency. It is hardly probable that Sale will serve any time for the offense.

#### Convicts One Man; Acquits Other.

On a charge of breaking and entering the saloon of Moore & Burke, Ransom Whitaker, colored, was yesterday found guilty in Hustings Court, Part 2, and sentenced by Judge Ernest H. Wells to serve one year in the State Penitentiary. An alleged confession made by Whitaker when taken into custody was the most damaging testimony against him. He was represented by McCotter & Morris.

Eddie Pegram, colored, charged with robbing the same place of business, was acquitted. An excellent alibi proved his innocence of the offense charged. Although the robberies occurred at the same place, they were two months apart. Pegram was defended by J. C. Nunnally.

#### Christmas Rush at Post-Office.

An extra clerk was put on yesterday in Manchester Station of the post-office. This was found necessary owing to the Christmas rush which is making itself felt. Two extra carriers and a wagon will be put on Monday morning to handle the packages. Superintendent I. B. Lloyd has been instructed to have his force study up the rules and regulations governing the new parcel post law which is effective January 1. Charts and guides have been received at the office. All spare time is taken up in studying the law. Red Cross seals are being sold in the lobby of the Manchester Station. Practically every person using the post-office is buying the stamps, which they are using on outgoing letters and parcels.

#### Syrian Not Captured.

Although telephoning H. Mosley Davis, manager of the Davis Brick yards that he would be at the plant yesterday morning, James Kouri, the Syrian who, on Thursday afternoon shot and dangerously wounded Abraham Watkins, colored, failed to put in his appearance, much to the disappointment of the Chesterfield police, who were waiting the opportunity to nab their quarry. The man is still at large, and no trace of him has been found.

Watkins, although seriously hurt, was able to leave the City Hospital yesterday afternoon, and was taken to his home, 109 West Twenty-second Street. He is in no immediate danger, but will be under the care of his physician for some time.

#### New Firmen Begin Work.

Two new firmen, elected by the Board of Fire Commissioners Thursday night, went on duty yesterday at noon with Engine Company, No. 12. The new firefighters are H. A. Ruff and J. C. Cousins, who succeed G. E.

Wright, resigned, and G. W. Dowdy, who quit without notice Thursday. W. T. Dance, who was promoted from Grade A to Grade B, takes Dowdy's place in the company.

#### Heavily Fined for Assault.

Henry Warriner, colored, charged with striking and assaulting Susan Jones, colored, was fined \$20 and costs yesterday by Justice H. A. Manring in Police Court, Part 2. Warriner was a fugitive for nearly two months.

#### Dinner for Poor Families.

Sixty baskets of eatables were prepared yesterday afternoon by Whatsoever Circle, King's Daughters, for distribution among the needy families of the Southside. Each basket contains provisions enough to prepare a generous meal for a medium sized family. The food was donated by the children of the Bainbridge and Powhatan schools.

#### Building New Bridge.

The Old Dominion Iron and Nail Company is having a bridge built from the north bank of the river to their plant on Belle Isle. The new bridge will replace the one destroyed by fire three years ago. It will be wide enough for teams to travel, and will also have a walkway for employees of the plant.

#### Funeral of Mrs. O'Brien.

The funeral of Mrs. Jennie O'Brien was conducted yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Meade Memorial Episcopal Church. The Rev. P. Ernest Warren, rector of the church, officiated. The burial was in Maury Cemetery.

#### Democratic Club Meets.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Richmond Democratic Club was held last night in Fraternal Hall. The attendance was very small, and no important business was transacted.

#### Personal Mention.

Miss Louise Weisger has returned home from Sweetbriar for the Christmas holidays. S. H. Bemis is confined to his home by sickness. Ray Paul, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and George Paul, of Washington and Lee University, are spending the holidays with their parents.

#### Passengers from New York.

Passengers from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington to Richmond will do well to take their departure to catch the New York-Richmond Express, leaving Pennsylvania Station, New York, at 11:38 A. M. daily. West Philadelphia, 11:57 P. M.; Baltimore, 2:23 P. M.; and Washington, 4:45 P. M. Coaches, parlor, dining and club cars through without change. Due Byrd Street Station 7:30 P. M. Corresponding train northbound leaves Byrd Street Station, Richmond, at 12:05 noon daily. Both trains make stops at Elba. (Advertisement.)

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### RATE QUESTION SUBJECT OF SUIT

Action Designed to Eliminate Alleged Discrimination to North Carolina Points.

#### SUPREME COURT OPINIONS

Final Batch Delivered and Tribunal Will Adjourn Sine Die To-Day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Raleigh, N. C., December 20.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission instituted to-day before the Interstate Commerce Commission three suits designed to eliminate the much-complained-of freight rate discriminations in interstate freight to North Carolina points, as compared with so-called gateway rates. One is against the Southern and allied railways, involving local rates to Lynchburg to Greensboro; western cities to Greensboro as influenced by Lynchburg; Greensboro rates, and is based on the Winston-Salem-Durham case.

Another is against the Southern, Seaboard and allied roads, involving rates Boston, Baltimore and other Eastern cities to North Carolina cities. Charlotte rates being used as illustrative basis. The third suit involves the rates from Chicago, Cincinnati and other Western cities by Southern and affiliated lines to Paint Rock, and attacks rates to all North Carolina points between Paint Rock and Greensboro and including Greensboro. These rates are attacked as discriminatory and in violation of the long and short haul principle of interstate commerce act. Attorney-General T. W. Bickett will represent the Corporation Commission in prosecuting these suits before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Paint Rock-Greensboro rates are attacked on the ground that there is no principle of interstate commerce act that can justify the higher rates of freight to the Western North Carolina cities over the direct short line of road by reason of a reflection of competition that is 100 miles distant from them at Lynchburg, although the Interstate Commerce Commission has held that it will exempt from the long and short haul class points where there is potential water competition and where necessary to permit circuitous roads to compete with direct lines for business.

The North Carolina Supreme Court delivered its final batch of opinions to-day, and will adjourn sine die to-morrow, probably four cases going over undecided on account of disagreement among the justices. One of these is State vs. John H. Fisher, cashier, and Mutual Aid Banking Company, Newbern, in which defendants were acquitted below of criminal liability for collecting the draft of a Richmond liquor house for whiskey shipped for Carl Spencer, minor, shipped being "order notify" and bill of lading being attached to draft. The court affirmed Mrs. Spencer vs. Cashier Fisher, in which she sued Fisher for selling whiskey for her minor son, in which the court below entered judgment for Fisher.

The opinions delivered by the court follow:

#### Bateman vs. Hopkins, Tyrrell County.

motion of plaintiff for decree in this court allowed; Goray vs. Powle, Beaufort, no error; Spencer vs. Fisher, Craven, affirmed; Spaw vs. Bridgers, New Hanover, reversed; Menevee Cotton Mills, Alameda, no error; Beck vs. Bank of Thompsonville, Davidson, no error; Lumber Insurance Co. vs. Lumber Fire Insurance Company, Scottsboro, no error; Robertson Manufacturing Company vs. Assurance Company, Mecklenburg, plaintiff appeal affirmed.

#### CABIN OF SHIP DESTROYED.

Fire Originates From Stove, Which Becomes Overheated.

Newport News, Va., December 20.—Fire originating from a stove which became overheated to-day practically destroyed the cabin of the Norwegian fullrigged ship Glenulf, moored at the piers of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company. The fire was extinguished by tugs before it could spread. The Glenulf was recently in collision with steamer Norweg and was brought here in a sinking condition.

#### THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Saturday and Sunday; light west winds.

Humidity: 60 to 70 percent.

General: Fair Saturday and Sunday.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature .....

2 P. M. temperature .....

Maximum temperature up to 8 .....

P. M. temperature up to 8 .....

Minimum temperature up to 8 .....

Mean temperature .....

Normal temperature .....

Deficiency in temperature since .....

March .....

Accum. deficiency in temperature .....

since January 1 .....

Deficiency in rainfall since March .....

January 1 .....

Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.

Temperature .....

Wind .....

Wind-direction .....

Wind-velocity .....

Weather .....

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place. Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.

Asheville .....

Atlanta .....

Atlantic City .....

Boston .....

Buffalo .....

Chicago .....

Charleston .....

Chicago .....

Denver .....

Duluth .....

Galveston .....

Hatteras .....

Have .....

Jacksonville .....

Kansas City .....

Louisville .....

Memphis .....

Montgomery .....

New Orleans .....

New York .....

Norfolk .....

Oklahoma .....

Pittsburgh .....

Raleigh .....

St. Louis .....

St. Paul .....

San Francisco .....

Savannah .....

Tampa .....

Washington .....

Winning .....

Wytheville .....

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December 21, 1912.

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Morning .....

Evening .....



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Leader of Allen Clan Assigned Work in Penitentiary—Is Given Number.

Chicago, December 20.—Revenge, according to the police, prompted the murder of J. H. Logan, a diamond merchant, who was killed in his office in the McVicker Theatre building, in the center of the shopping district, about noon to-day.

There is no clue to the slayer or slayers. Logan is said to have been responsible for the sentencing of some diamond thieves to prison in 1903 or 1904, and police are working on the theory that they, having regained their freedom, may have been implicated in the killing. The police believe a woman may have been included in the plot. Logan was armed with a .38-caliber revolver. Seventeen knife wounds were in his body, which caused the revenge theory to be advanced. He also was shot in the right shoulder. The wound would not have caused death, physicians said. His mouth was lacerated with a sharp hand-to-hand struggle.

Whether robbery entered into the crime has not been determined. The office safe